

**LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2019 (YEAR XLV)
January 6, 2019**

Lower Merion Township is preparing its Action Plan for Funding Year XLV (2019). These planning documents are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of federal entitlement monies. The Plans will assess and prioritize needs for housing, economic development, historic preservation, street and sidewalk repairs, and public services specific to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Since 1975, the Township has used these funds to provide a variety of activities that create viable urban neighborhoods, decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income residents of the Township.

The following schedule of events has been established for your information and participation:

JANUARY. Applications for organizations and agencies interested in receiving funding from the Township's 2019 CDBG Program will be available on January 7, 2019. Mailings will be made to citizens, community organizations and others describing the CDBG program and inviting comments and recommendations. Anyone interested in receiving a copy should contact the Building and Planning's Community Development Division at the number listed below.

FEBRUARY. A public hearing will be held at the Lower Merion Township Administration Building at 75 E. Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, in the 2nd floor Board Room at approximately 6:00 p.m. on **February 13, 2019**, to obtain the views of citizens on the Township's housing and community development needs for this fiscal year.

Deadline for applications on 2019 funding – **Friday, February 15, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.**

MARCH. All submitted applications will be evaluated for eligibility and fundability; applicants will be contacted if there are any questions or clarifications required. Staff findings and recommendations will be prepared for management and Board of Commissioners' review.

The Annual Action Plan, including the Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of 2019 Funds will be published on **March 10, 2019** and public comments will be received and reviewed by Township staff.

APRIL. A public hearing will be held on **April 10, 2019** at the Lower Merion Township Administration Building at 75 E. Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, in the second floor Board Room at approximately 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will obtain the views of citizens on the proposed CDBG Action Plan for Year XLV and review the program performance for Year XLIV.

Lower Merion Township's Board of Commissioners will conditionally approve proposed Community Development activities for 2019.

From April 1st through May 1st, the Annual Action Plan will be available for public review. The Board of Commissioners will consider any comments and views received on the Proposed Plan. The Committee will recommend adoption of a Resolution on **May 8, 2019** approving the filing of the Year XLV application for LMT.

The Board of Commissioners will approve the Action Plan and adopt the Resolution on **May 8, 2019** at Lower Merion Township's Board of Commissioners room on the second floor of the Township building.

The Plan is made available to the public and Notice of Revisions, if necessary, will be published in the newspaper.

The 2019 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD by May 15th, 2019, unless extended by HUD.

JUNE. Comments will be reviewed as required by HUD.

JULY. The first day of Federal Program Year XLV is July 1, 2019.

Emily Crane
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